



Tempe Art in Private Development



Three Five Systems, Inc.

1600 N. Desert Drive

Kevin S. Berry

Thunderhead, 1996

Corten steel and copper

Artist website:

www.southmountainstudios.com/sculpture

Description: *Thunderhead* reflects the high tech nature of the business within Three Five Systems, Inc. In preparation for this project, Berry studied abstract circuit board designs and found them beautiful and figurative when removed from their functional considerations. He likens these to cloud shapes in the sky, giving inspiration to the creation and title of *Thunderhead*. The sculpture stands at 20 feet tall and provides a focal point for the site and for passing traffic. The cor-ten steel structure and copper accents rust and patina over time, lending the sculpture a coloration which complements the desert landscape.

Artist biography: Born in 1961, this Missouri native received his Bachelors of Fine Art in Sculpture from the Kansas City Art Institute and his Masters from Arizona State University. He has completed a huge number of public art projects throughout the country and has also shown in many prestigious art galleries in Arizona. In addition, he has also published several distinguished papers on the topics of art and sculpture.

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